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AMHERST LOSES DEBATE ON HILL BY BIG MARGIN

Unanimous Verdict of Three Judges Approved by 35-22 Audience Vote

BAUMES LAWS SUSTAINED

Chapin and Tuthill Successful in Attack on Habitual Criminal

A unanimous verdict of the judges and an audience vote of 35-22 were the honors carried off by a Hamilton College debating team last Thursday evenning in the annual debate with Amherst in the College Chapel. "Resolved, That this house deplores the Baumes Laws of New York State," was the question opposed by Hamilton and supported by Amherst before the rather limited audience.. Professor Calvin L. Lewis presided.

That the present-day prevalence of crime requires severity in the treatment of criminals was admitted by W. O. Mahler, the first Amherst speaker, who deplored the fourth offender clause on the grounds that it is contrary to American legal institutions and is doomed to failure. According to Mr. Mahler, the law is contrary to American legal institutions in that it does away with the discretionary power of judges and puts an excess burden on an antiquated jury system.

John H. Chapin, '29, who opened the negative side of the question for Hamilton, based his argument on statistics showing that crime increased in New York State for the twenty-five years preceding the passage of the Baumes Laws out of all proportion to the growth of population, and that increased appropriations for police protection had failed to check the steady increase in crime. The wide discrepancy between the number of arrests and the number of convictions were, he claimed, due to the weakness of the Penal Code, and that the Baumes Laws were passed in 1927 to remedy this weakness.

Taking up the cudgel where his colleague from Amherst left off, Wilber Stammler attacked the constitutionality of the fourth offender clause. He then went on to claim that this law is unjust because it not only hits the habitual criminal, but also lesser offenders. It is likewise ineffective as is adequately proved by statistics, and is antiquated because it is an attempt to get rid of crime by terrorizing, rather than by educating the criminal.

To conclude the argument in defense of the fourth offender clause, S. D. Tuthill, '30, stated that the law has, according to the most reliable statistics obtainable, checked the increase in crime, and that its influence is more and more marked in each period investigated since the law was put into operation. He admitted that the law has worked a few injustices but claimed that all laws do this of necessity, and that the function of the fourth offender clause in removing the habitual criminal from society far outweighs the negligible injustice suffered by a few.

The judges were: O. Gregory Burns, Clinton; R. Anthony Lopardo, Utica and Carrol T. Waldron, Utica.

Applications for Next Year Show Big Increase

Admi[illegible]data released by Wallace B[illegible]nnson, secretary of admissions, reveals that last year the number of applicants was 128, while on approximately the same date this year, 165 have signified their intention of entering Hamilton College. These figures show an unusual increase of 33 men, despite the fact that national statistics indicate an annual falling off in the increase of men entering institutions of higher learning.

Last year the final number of applications was 292, so that with an incarease of 33 over last year's number, it is anticipated that this year the college will have 300 from which to select.

Manila, Philippine Islands, claiams the most distant representation, while Wisconsin, Minnesota and Kansas, with one applicant each, and Illinois and Ohio, with three, rate next in order. Mr. Johnson reports that very few men register for years in advance. A year before entrance is the greatest length of time customary.

CONTRALTO WILL APPEAR ON HILL

Miss Helen Oelheim, Cathedral Hour Artist, to Sing Sunday

Miss Helen Oelheim, the leading contralto of the American Opera Company and of the Columbia Broadcasting Chain, will entertain members of the Hamilton College Musical Art Society in the Theta Delta Chi House Sunday, March 24, at 8:30 p. m., in the initial concert on the 1929 schedule.

Miss Oelheim replaces Hardesty Johnson, the leading tenor of the Columbia Chaian, who was originally scheduled to appear . The recital will mark Miss Oelheim's second aappearance on the Hill. She will be enthusiastically greeted by all who heard her delightful performance at the President's reception to seniors in 1927. She is a sister of Norman C. Oelheim, '30, an undergraduate member of the Musical Art Society

Miss Oelheim is everywhere known as one of the leading artists of the Cathedral Hour given every Sunday afternoon over a chain of powerful broadcasting stations.

Group I: Am Meer, Hark, Hark! the Lark, Der Tod und dos Madchen, Die Post (Schubert); Group II: Die Lotusblume, Mondnacht, Widmung (Schumann); Group III: Verborgenheit, Gesang Weylas (Wolf); Standchen, Sapphische Ode, Meine Leibe ist Grun (Brahms); Group IV: Amour! viens aider (Sampson and Dalila, Saint-Saens); Chancson Boheme (Carmen-Bizet).

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Reed B. Timmers, '18, under the corporate head of Reed B. Timmers, Inc., 17 Steuben Street, Albany, N. Y., has organized and built up a growing business in fire insurance, specializing in the insurance of large manufacturing plants.

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A combined meeting of the History and Political Science Clubs will be held in the Theta Delta Chi House, Friday night at 8 o'clock. The topic for discussion is "Mexico—Past and Present."

SHIFT IN TRADITIONAL CLARK PRIZE DATE SOUGHT BY ALUMNI

The date for holding the Clark Prize Exhibition raises a question which has caused considerable controversy for more than half a century. The controversy was reopened last June by a petition presented through Pentagon which asks that Saturday night of Commencement Week be given over entirely to fraternity affairs. This action was taken by Pentagon as a result of agitation on the part of certain Alumni groups and of the Alumni Council.

In response to the petition President Ferry appointed a faculty committee headed by Professor Shephard to investigate the possibility of making the change. This committee attempted to ascertain the feeling of the majority of the Alumni through correspondence with class secretaries and with members of various Alumni associations. More recently, President Ferry brought the question up for discussion before the faculty-student committee on public speaking and before the New York Alumni at their annual banquet. Thus far no unanimity of opinion has been found either as to the desirability of changing the time of the contest, or as to what other time should be selected for it if it were changed.

Four proposals are being considered. The Clark Prize exhibition may be taken out of Commencement Week and held sometime in late May

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Gaboon Number to Burlesque "Boy's Life"

Veiled at present in mystery and hinting of the spectacular, the third competitive issue of the Royal Gaboon, which will make its appearance on the Campus immediately after the Easter recess, will be known as the **Boy's Life Issue.** This number of the College comic magazine is being edited by Robert L. Webster, '30, and is intended as a burlesque.

Not much is known concerning the material except that an appropriate cover has been designed by Art Editor Hixon. Other art work has been submitted by Symonds, Eames and Gross, while the literature end has been taken care of by Macmillan, Cruser, Musial and Buchbinder.

MODERNIZE CHAPEL PROGRAMS ADVISES WICKS IN INTERVIEW

Dean of University Chapel at Princeton Favors Development Rather Than Abolition of Hill Religious Services; College "Y" Unnecessary

The future of compulsory chapel at Hamilton is not abolition, but development, Rev. Robert R. Wicks, D. D., '04, Dean of University Chapel at Princeton University told a LIFE reporter, Sunday afternoon.

In Dr. Wicks' opinion, compulsory chapel, while at present a pronounced failure as a method of religious instruction, is one of the finest things for the development of fellowship and esprit de corps on the Hill. We should make more of compulsory chapel rather than abolish it. We should replace the monotonous day-after-day grind of scriptures and whatnot with a more modern, a more interesting, a more versatile program.

PRINCETON SYSTEM NOT APPLICABLE HERE

Concerning the Princeton system, he explaianed that at the present time Sunday chapel is alone compulsory, and that under a liberal supply of outs. Morning chapel, which is noncompulsory, is poorly attended. Just now faculty and students are concentrated on working out a plan whereby the student may enjoy the fullest amount of religious benefit with the least amount of compulsion. The system of voluntary chapel at Princeton is not applicaable to Hamilton or to any small college. This does not mean that no changes can be made in the small colleges, for such institutions offer the most fertile ground for profitable experimentation.

Y. M. C. A. Has Failed

Don't worry about the passing of the College Y. M. C. A., he advised. The future of religion in the small college is not in the development of the Y. M. C. A., or of any other similar organization. The Y. M. C. A. has passsed because it has failed to become a part of the great stream of college life. The undergraduates have swept on, leaving the institution to the care of a few ardent souls that still remain loyal

If religion is to succeed in any college, either small or large, it must be built around the college Chapel. Everybody in the college must feel that he has a part in the promotion of one central organization for the development of the undergraduate's religious life. The Y. M. C. A.'s and the relief societies can be called in to assist in certain phases of the work, but they cannot be expected to prove a religious center for the college.

Experts Needed

This is the day of the expert i matters concerning college religion, he intimated. Religion needs to be put on a worth-while basis and carried on by highly trained executives rather than by a few enthusiastic inexperienced souls that rally about Y. M. C. A. cabinets. It should be matter of intelligent co-operation between student and faculty. It needs a man to supervise the work of the college chapel, to suggest innovations, to stimulate a versatile program, to work through the group system, each group a subsidiary of the chapel founded for the purpose of studying some particular phase of the question.

As to the best means of bringing about a change, Dr. Wicks proposed closer co-operation between faculty and students . The two factions must get together, consider the proposition from every angle and evolve a plan. That is exactly what is being tried at Princeton, and it is the same method that must be applied here. The plan evolved in each case must be entirely different, one to meet the requirements of a large university, the other to fill the needs of a small college.

Elmira Girls to Debate In Hill Chapel Tonight

For the second time in history Hamilton will play host to a group of woman debaters when a team from Elmira College appears in Chapel tonight. Wells College established the precedent last year.

"Resolved, That the American Jury System Should Be Abolished," will be the topic discusssed. Inasmuch as Hamilton has already upheld both sides of the argument against other institutions this year, its reasoning should be sound and practically blandishment-proof.

The Hamilton men who will speak tonight are Lloyd V. Almirall, '29; Colemar F. Nichols, '30, and John H. Jones, '31. Their opponents are Miss Veronica O'Brien, '30; Miss Celestina Frost, '30, and Miss Marguerite Stemmerman, '30.

Following the Elmira debate, the schedule will be continued at Schenectady with George Sample, '29; William A. Jarrett, '30, and Jefferson F. Meagher, '31, opposing Union.

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Quadrangle Club Holds Banquet in Hotel Martin

The Hamilton College Quadrangle Club held its annual banquet at the Hotel Martin Wednesday evening, March 13. Two guests, Henry Ford, '30, representing Was Los, and Sherwood C. Chatfield, '29, representing Pentagon, spoke briefly.

President Dixon introduced Mr. Chatfield who outlined the purposes of the organization as originally intetnded by its founders and showed Quadrangle's possibilities for beneficial work. He named good sportsmanship as the finest thing which could be promoted on the campus.

Mr. Ford conveyed the good wishes of Was Los and expressed a desire for better fellowship on the Hill. The retiring president, John Pope, '31, expressed the sophomores' gratitude for the banquet. He suggested a more constructive program for the future.

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The marriage of Hollister W. Marquardt, '26, and Miss Eunice Olga Lehman took place at Peekskill, N. Y., on February 22.

The engagement of Carleton H. Davis, '27, of Buffalo, to Miss Frances Stewart, of Schenectady, has recently been announced.

David H. Newland, '94, who at his graduation was the first holder of the Root Fellowship, has recently been appointed State Geologist of New York, following reorganization of the Science Department of the University of the State of New York.

Freshmen Selected for Utica And Rome Debates

Eight freshmen have been chosen to represent Hamilton in two debates to be held this spring. The men compose two teams of four members each, one to oppose Rome Free Academy, and the other Utica Free Academy. The group that will meet the former school is made up of Marion N. Bates, Raymond D. Borst, and Jack W. Hummer, with Herbert E. Corby as alternate. The remaining men, who will oppose Utica, are Samuel J. Holt, Douglass H. Batten, and John J. Walsh. Robert G. Phelps has been assigned the alternate position.

The first of the two debates will be held with Rome on April 26. Hamilton will take the negative of the question: "Resolved, That hydro-electric plants to be developed in New York State in the future should be owned and operated by the state." Both of the contests will be held away from the Hill.

The tryouts were held on Monday, March 11, in the Chapel auditorium. Professor Marsh presided and Francis E. Mineka and Lloyd V. Almirall, members of the debate team, assisted in the judging.

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Marbles and Granites Added to Hill Museum

All America has contributed specimens of marble and granite building stones to the college geologic museum in the New Science Building, according to announcement by Dr. Nelson C. Dale.

Beautiful examples of all varieties of marble have come from the quarries of Tennessee, Georgia and Colorado, while the granites are mostly from the New England states. These specimens will be used not only for exhibition but for practical work in economic geology.

Although no additions have been made to the biology museum, the department has purchased 200 charts as well as 200 lantern slides, which will be used in class-room work. Dr. Hess and Mr. Butcher have made over one thousand microscopic slides which will be valuable in the work of the biology department.

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About sixty seniors and numerous members of the faculty were the guests of President and Mrs. Ferry last Friday evening, on the occasion of the annual senior reception. Miss Helen Howe, of Boston, the entertainer of the evening, gave several dramatic monologues of a humorous nature.

Calendar

Wednesday

Debate with Elmira in the Chapel, 8:15.

Thursday

Newman Club, Lamba Chi Alpha House, 8:00.

Choir Practice, 7:45.

Friday

Meeting of Hamilton Life Board at Psi Upsilon House, 8:00.

History and Political Science Clubs at Theta Delta Chi House, 8:15.

Sunday

Chapel preacher, Rev. Charles G. Sewall, D. D., of Rye, N. Y.

Musical Art Concert, Theta Delta Chi House, 8:30.

Monday

Concert of the Choir at the First Presbyterian Church, Utica.

Tuesday

Debate with Union.

EUROPEAN BIRDS FLOCK IN PINES

Thousands of Starlings Frequent Babcock Preserve Near Reservoir

One of the largest Starling "roosts" in the state is located two miles west of the college on land adjacent to the college reservoir. Several acres of young pine trees planted on the above property under the supervision of Edward S. Babcock, '96, serve as a sanctuary for thousands of these birds which gather there nightly from all directions.

The Starling which to all appearances looks at a distance exactly like a blackbird was introduced into this country in 1890 by Eugene Schieffelin who released 60 of these birds in Central Park. Mr. Schieffelin formerly assisted in introducing the English Sparrow. During the next decade the Starling spread to Central Long Island, up the Hudson to Newburgh, and south to Princeton, N. J. By 1921 they were common in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and by 1924 or 25, they had penetrated into Central New York.

The flock which gathers nightly near the college reservoir has been increasing since its first establishment in 1926. While most numerous in the fall of the year, the birds are by no means absent in the other seasons. Last fall the "roost" grew so large that it attracted numerous spectators, especially from the faculty and undergraduate body. At first it was rumored that the birds were killing the pine trees, but according to Dr. Morrill there is no reason for this belief. A pine fungus which at present infests the trees is in no way attributable to the Starlings. In his opinion the birds are harmful, however, and their destruction would be a boon to the farmer.

Ornithologies seem to give no record of flocks of Starlings in the United States comparable to that which "roosts" on the college property. The best description of the birds as they may be seen at any time of the year, but especially in the fall, is given in Thornburn's **British Birds** and reads as follows: "In autumn vast hordes of Starlings find their living in the fields and pastures and as evening deepens the flocks resort in thousands to some favorite roosting-place such as evergreen shrubberies or reed beds. As the various flocks unite they perform wonderful aerial evolutions for sometime in perfect order before settling down for the night." Frequent reference is made to the Starlings in Europe "appearing in the distance like great storm clouds drifting over the country."

TWO HAMILTON FENCERS PLACE IN SEMI-FINALS

Capt. Niemeyer and Hancock Will Compete in Finals in New York, March 29-30

OTHERS FAIL TO PLACE

Inexperience Hampers Remainder of Hill Squad

Captain Niemeyer, a foilsman, and Hancock, an epeeman, qualified as individuals for the final intercollegiate fencing bouts to be held in the Hotel Astor, New York, on March 29 and 30. This comes as a result of the intercollegiate semi-finals, held at West Point last week-end, where the inexperience of the Hamilton College fencers was clearly evident.

Displaying their best fencing of the season, the Buff and Blue foilsmen won from Ohio State on Friday night by the score of 6-3. Hartman, who missed qualifying for the finals by only one bout, starred in this meet with three victories, while Niemeyer, who won two bouts, also fenced well. Bannerman accounted for Hamilton's sixth point.

In the meets Saturday, the Buff and Blue foilsmen fared rather poorly, losing to West Point, Cornell and N. Y. U. by scores of 7-2, 6-3 and 5-4 respectively. Captain Niemeyer with five victories as against four losses, was the only Hamilton man to make a creditable showing. Hartman managed to defeat three of his nine opponents, while Rearick, who fenced only agianst N. Y. U., won one of his three bouts.

In the foils events the same condition that has existed for the past few years was seen again. Two men won over half of their total bouts, but the third man failed to support them. The team missed the services of Sarles, who was prevented from participating in the meet by an injury. Rearick and Bannerman, two inexperienced men, were used in Sarles' place. The record of the Epee team shows one victory, one tie, and two defeats. Cornell was defeated, 3-1; N. Y. U. was tied, while defeats were suffered at the hands of Ohio State and West Point. The epee team got off to a bad start Friday night against Ohio State, when Bailey lost two bouts and Hancock one. These two men fenced well on Saturday, however, and together they scored seven victories. Bailey lost his opportunity to qualify for the finals with Hancock, when he was defeated by an N. Y. U. fencer in his last bout of the day. Bailey, however, had the distinction of being the only epeeman to defeat Sands of West Point, who was the 1927 intercollegiate epee champion. Hancock showed his best form against N. Y. U. when he won both of his bouts.

Hamilton's sabre department provided very little opposition for the other sabre teamas. Only two victories, both by Frazee, were credited to Hamilton.

West Point, qualifying all three teams, was outstanding. In addition, N. Y. U. qualified in sabres, Cornell in foils, and Ohio State in epee. Those individuals who qualified in foils were the three Army men, Shulsk of N. Y. U. and Niemeyer; in epee, Sands of Army; the two Ohio State men, Sorenson of N. Y. U., and Hancock; in sabre, Larco of Cornell and the fencers representing N. Y. U. and Army.

LETTERS OF HISTORICAL VALUE ARE FOUND IN LAMBA XI HOUSE

Letters, interesting as source material for the Civil War, found in the attic of the Lamba Xi Sigma house, are being prepared by Edwin C. Douglas, '29, president of the History Club, for presentation to the College Library.

The house was formerly occupied by the Lathrop family to whom the letters belong. The first portfolio, which has already been filed at the library, contains correspondence written by William H. Lathrop of the Class of '83 to his family at Clinton and covers a period from 1853 to 1863. The writer is the father of William A. Lathrop, '85 and the grandfather of Addison S. Lathrop of the present Junior Class. He served continuously in the Civil War until 1864 when, as colonel in charge of one of the earliest negro regiments, he fell at the head of his troops.

Professor Milledge L. Bonham, who has reviewed the correspondence, finds the allusions to the Civil War especially illuminating. In the opinion of Dr. Bonham the letters give further evidence of what historians have surmised for a long time, namely, that official reports and dispatches concerning the victories were frequently exaggerated. As a good example of the above there is the description of the victory at Corinth which was supposed to have been a military masterpiece of the Union Army. Mr. Lathrop writes:

"Our 'victory' at Corinth has been greatly exaggerated. The evacuation was quite complete. At the place where we entered their works they

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Try Vagabonding

Thursday, 3:30—**Thunderstorms** (Professor Dale, Geology Building).

Wednesday, 3:30—(March 27) **The Closet Drama** (Professor Rudd, Truax Hall).

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"Inasmuch as law doth stand upon reason, to allege reason serveth as well as to cite Scripture."—Richard Hooker.

COMPULSORY CHAPEL

Hamilton Life would miss a very good opportunity if it failed to comment on the interview given to one of its reporters by Dr. Robert R. Wicks, '04, Dean of the University Cathedral at Princeton.

A careful analysis of Dr. Wick's views on compulsory chapels at Hamilton reveals two quite acceptable conclusions: First, that the present daily chapel services are useless as a means of propagating religion; second, that they are invaluable as a stimulant to good spirit and fellowship.

The obvious remedy, therefore, if we accept the above, is not to overthrow completely compulsory chapel, but rather to transform it so that it may successfully perform its double function. Various formulae for such transformations have been put forward at one time or another. The chief objection to them all is that they are usually not adaptable to the needs of any specific institution. Hamilton, therefore, must work out its own salvation.

Dr. Wicks has a plan—a plan which Hamilton Life might well support. There are doubtless undergraduates in college who, because of interest in either educational or religious problems, are deeply concerned over compulsory chapel. There are doubtless faculty members with similar sentiments. If the two groups could be brought together to consider such a specific problem as modernization of the chapel services, let us say, the result, regardless of the acceptability of any plan which that group might evolve, would be a stimulus to campus religion. As Dr. Wicks suggested, the initiative for the formation of such a group must come from the officers of the college church. And, as he likewise intimated, with the passing of the Y. M. C. A., the ground is cleared for a new and stronger structure built around the college chapel as a center of common interest.

So long as objections to the cut-and-dried morning chapel formulae are confined to LIFE editorials, just so long will Hamilton chapels continue to perform only fifty per cent of their function. Once the objections are dragged into the open and discussed freely between student and professor, then, and only then, will the much needed modernization be possible.

D. H. B., '30.

IN CASE OF FIRE, WHAT?

A $200,000 fire in a nearby community calls attention to the fire situation on our own hilltop. Generally speaking, the buildings are either fireproof or equipped for emergencies, the water pressure is satisfactory, and tthe method of turning in an alarm is effective. North College presents the one notable exception to that rule.

Reports made some time ago to the college by competent fire authorities advised that North College should either be replaced by a fire-proof structure, or should be used for some purpose other than that of a dormitory. They revealed that in its present condition the building was, in effect, a dangerous menace to the lives of its occupants, awaiting only the carelessness of a single student to turn it into a veritable death-trap.

The report further indicated that a fire in the building was by no means improbable. Aside from the customary dangers from cigarettes and open fireplaces there were notable cases of poor electrical connections, and dangerous wiring. Wires were found running under rugs and twined about other inflammable objects. The college had, as far as was possible, corrected these conditions. The wiring on the building itself was in the best of condition; screens had been provided for the two fireplaces that were customarily used, and later the boiler room was effectively partitioned off by an asbestos wall, so that danger from this source is now practically eliminated.

Another apparently effective improvement was made when iron ladders were erected. These, two in number, are both on the side of the building facing the middle quadrangle and accessible from the corridors. Their effectiveness is now dubious. The structure is entirely composed of plaster and dry, oil-soaked wood, save for an outer shell of stone, and the stairways go from top to bottom forming huge air shafts. A fire starting on either one of the four floors might soon render the ladders inaccessible. It will be recalled that at the time of the Emerson Hall fire students could not even reach an adjoining room where a supply of rope had been stored for such an emergency.

However, assuming that the ladders could be reached, their effectiveness may still be questioned. Their last rungs are ten feet above the ground and directly over stone platforms. The picture of a dozen students hurriedly attempting to descend by such a ladder is not an especially pleasant one, particularly if the ladder is covered with ice, as it frequently is in winter. It is for such reasons that the Central Fire Station in Utica, as well as fire stations all over the country, look with despair upon such contrivances. In the opinion of all authorities the vertical fire escape is a useless, or a nearly useless antique.

A fire hose on the third floor is open to similar criticism. It is available only under the condition that fire has not already swept the corridors. The hose, moreover, has been used as a plaything by the weaker-minded dormitory inhabitants for years and is probably not in the best of condition. Even if it were, it lacks the double lining of rubber which the Central Fire Station in Utica deems essential. It is a type which fire authorities are attemptng to have replaced where ever it may be found.

A few other precautions have also been taken. Eight fire extinguishers, all annually filled and reconditioned are available to the students. They are, ohwever, all located near the fire escapes, so should the fire escapes become inaccessible, the extinguishers would be out of reach. A night watchman is provided, but although he is compelled to visit the third floor of North in making his rounds, he is required to visit the dormitory but once between the hours of 12 and 5 P. M., the time when a fire would prove the most dangerous.

To sum up, Hamilton, has in North College a highly inflammable, four story building, inhabited by nearly 50 men, endangered by unprotected electrical wiring and a considerable cigarette-smoking element, equipped with insufficient safety devices, and visited only infrequently by a night watchman. The condition, while deplorable, is not confined to Hamilton alone. Nearly every college that dates back to pre-Civil War days has its own death-trap masquerading as a remodeled and up-to-date dormitory. In some ways the colleges are not to blame. The roomers, who are the ones vitally affected, are generally too thoughtless, too careless, too complacent to protest. Besides, the Hamilton administration, like that of many other colleges, looks askance at projects designed to give additional safety apparatus to students who toy carelessly with what they already have. However, it would seem that some remedy should be forthcoming.

The purpose of the above discussion has been entirely constructive. It has been written with no desire either to stir up a "fire bogey" among students in North, or to criticise anyone for neglect. Its true aim has been three-fold: First, forcefully to bring to the minds of that very small portion of the student body that needs such advice that fire apparatus should be treated with considerable respect; second, to warn the present occupants of North that the utmost precaution is necessary to prevent fires; and third, to bring to the attention of all connected with the college that further precautionary devices are absolutely imperative.

This last named aim should be more fully developed. Certain very definite improvements have been suggested in the earlier parts of the editorial, namely: the erection of the stair-type of fire escape similar to the kind already constructed on the gymnasium, the more frequent visitation of night watchmen, and the installation of a more modern fire hose. These, however, are minor details which scarcely meet the situation in full. A sprinkler system is required to make the building absolutely fire proof. Authorities believe that with the new water facilities, such a system could be successfully installed. It would be by no means fool-proof, however, and should it be installed, the plea that students must take fire apparatus seriously would be all the more urgent. Of course the ideal remedy, which is at present an impossibility, would be the construction of a fireproof dormitory comparable to South and Carnegie.

SHIFT DESIRED IN CLARK PRIZE DATE

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or early June; in that case few of the Alumni will be able to attend. It may be held on the Saturday afternoon of Commencement Week prior to the President's reception. This plan interfers with class luncheons and reunions and transfers to the afternoon an event which is ordinarily held in the evening. It might be possible to have the exhibition on Saturday at four o'clock if the President's reception were earlier in the afternoon. This arrangement is objected to because it would schedule the reception, usually thought of a an afternoon tea, at an unconventional hour. The fourth plan is to have the speaking on Sunday night, a suggestion which is likely to conflict with the religious principles of some of the Alumni.

Commencement Week is filled with other activities. Friday night, which was formerly given over to oratorical exhibitions, is now divided between the Charlatans and Senior Ball. If an evening earlier in the week were chosen for the Clark Prize few Alumni would be present.

The whole matter will be referred to the annual meeting of the Alumni on June 15. After gathering its opinion the faculty and the trustees will act. It is possible that the petition for a change will not meet with approval and that the conflict between fraternity reunions and the Clark Prize oration will be continued. No change will be made for the Commencement of the Class of 1929.

The Clark Prize date has been a football in the hands of the makers of the college calendar for many years. The first Clark Prize contest in 1855 was held on the second Wednesday in June and was not included in Commencement activities. A change was made, however, in 1877, which moved the exhibition into Commencement Week. From then until 1888, when Commencement began in the first part of the week, the contest was held on the Tuesday preceding the graduation ceremonies, which then occurred on Thursday.

Conflicts arose and from 1888 to 1921 changes were frequent. From 1888 to 1894 Clark Prize came on the Wednesday following the last senior examination, in 1894 on the seventh Tuesday of the third term, from 1895 to 1898 on the eighth Wednesday of the third term, from 1898 to 1911 on the ninth Wednesday of the third term from 1911 to 1914 on the last Wednesday in May, and from 1914 to 1921 on the Wednesday nearest the first of June. At that time agitation among the Alumni resulted in moving the contest back to Commencement Week. Saturday night at 8 was the time chosen and this was later changed to 7:30.

The Clark Prize Exhibition has played no small role in Hamilton history. For many years winning it was considered one of the biggest college honors, an honor which equaled, if it did not surpass, that of winning the valedictory. Copies of the orations are carefully preserved in the College Library, some written in the original handwriting of the authors. The contests whether held during the college year or as a part of the Commencement exercises, have always been well attended. Until recently they were held in the Stone Church at Clinton; now in the College Chapel. A few years ago an effort to restore its earlier prominence resulted in the raising of the award to $400 and in the making of Public Speaking 12 an elective to enable men to spend the time on Clark Prize oration.

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With four of the inter-class fencing meets concluded, the junior and sophomore classes are both tied for first place, the juniors having outpointed the seniors and the freshmen by scores of 9-8 and 15-2, and the sophomores getting the jump by consecutive victories over the juniors and the seniors by scores of 13-4 and 12-5, respectively.

Hamilton Quartet Sings Before Utica Audience

The recently organized Hamilton College Quartet made its second appearance Friday, March 15, at a banquet of the Men's Club of the First Presbyterian Church of Utica. The program, consisting largely of Hamilton songs and negro spirituals, was very well received. The Quartet is composed of Frederick D. Eddy, second bass; Willard E. Owens, first bass; Pano S. Chacona, first tenor; all of the class of 1929, and John H. ones, second tenor, of the Class of 1931.

Further engagements for the Quartet have been assured after two highly successful appearances, the first being at a banquet of the New England Alumni Association held in Boston recently. Radio Station WIBX of Utica has asked for the services of the organization, and it is probable that the Quartet will be heard on the air within a few weeks.

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HISTORICAL LETTERS IN LAMBDA XI HOUSE

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had destroyed or carried off everything of any value, so that the place was as bare as a man's hand. We started the same evening the pursuit, but it amounted to nothing as far as I saw. It is said that men come up in considerable numbers every day (to voluntarily surrender), but I have not seen any myself. It is said also that large numbers have deserted and gone home, especially of the Tennesee troops. I would not be surprised if that is true."

There is extreme irony in the writer's death. He describes enthusiastically a speech of Adjutant General Thomas in 1863 announcing the policy of arming negroes, tells of his own interest in such a project and expresses an extreme willingness to try the experiment. The next information that we receive is conveyed a letter from a relative of the Lathrops which tells of the writer's death at the head of one of the earliest colored forces of the Civil War.

The earlier letters make frequent allusions to Hamilton. Composition writing seems to be in its hey-dey and nearly every peace-time letter makes some reference to its importance. "I trust you don't neglect writing compositions—if you do you ought to be thrashed" is the advice given a younger brother at Hamilton in one letter. "Don't wait until last minute but prepare diligently for every duty whether pleasant or unpleasant—especially must you pay attention to writing compositions" admonishes another.

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Marion R, Davis, '04, senior member of the law firm of Geary, Davis, and Keefe, of New London, Conn., and prominent in the professional and business life of that city, died at his home in Niantic, Conn., after a period of failing health extending over several months. He was born in Niantic, and after his graduation from Hamilton College, completed his course in the Yale School of Law.

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Bernard Ulmer, '29, was recently awarded a Charlatan key. The award was made in recognition of his interest in college dramatics, and parpicularly for his excellent acting in **Post Mortems** and **The Yellow Jacket.**

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Start entrenchments immediately if not now. Spare neither women nor children. If you find any women, bring em in alive, and don't forget to report the number of the room.

King William

King Bostwick,
Commons Palace,
Majesty:

Brigadier Gen. Ralpho Superino has been discovered to have flat feet which makes him ineligible for participation this Spring. What shall we do without this bullwarker?

BURTIE.

Commander with Beef
Bellow Wood,
Promote Wisewell.
King Swamp.
Your Travesty
Marshmellow Hall.

What! I'll be cipher 7734. What the cipher HOTSTUFF do you think this is, a cipher GUESSWHAT?

ELLIOT CRAMP BURTON.

E. Crimm Burton,
Quarente hommes vingt horses,

P minus, perfunctory, dilatory, finical, redundant. Lay down a barrage of fertilizer, and start tearing up that campus.

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This Week's Limerick—It Won the $10,000 Prize in Liberty

If one of you wise guys on the faculty sees Paul Haist, tell him he'll be featuring pretty soon now—the poor fellow can't read. (Excuse the interruption but it seems as how when Bernie got the snuffles, the German class was naturally very much put out—get that double entendre. Well anyway, Lehrer Haist with his robust constitution and heavy line, didn't have much trouble with the bacteria—who started that rumour that he had the mumps, anyway?—and so when he got back his loving class gave a rising vote to Il Duce and with one voice announced:

"We're glad to see you're back, dear teacher."

And what do you suppose suspicious old Haisty, said:

"Yahh, well you won't see it often if I can help it."

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A benevolent doctor named Heyl
Knew the chemical content of bile,
But one day with a leer
Someone showed him a bier
And the shock laid him low for a while.

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A little song dedicated to Cal "Honeytongue" Lewis, entitled, "You're the Cream of My Coffee, but How Some Cream Can Curdle."

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Ralph Super, local Abelard, says that a book makes just as much noise when dropped accidentally as when dropped on purpose. Give this little boy a ham.

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WATCH FOR CARPE'S SEARCHING ARTICLE ON THE CRITICISM OF THE HIGHER CRITICISM TOGETHER WITH THE INTIMATE TRUTH ABOUT WHY EZRA POUND ADOPTED HIS NEW PEN NAME OF EZ LB., TOGETHER WITH A REVELATION OF THE PEN NAME OF JIM THE PENMAN, WHICH IS 7148,262.

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Gumshoe "Hoosie" Hoosted, the local Pinkerton agency, and possessor of the only ambulance in Clinton, unraveled a clew in Physics class the other day. The new campus lights, he maintains, are connected in series, so that when one goes out all go out. Gumshoe is already evolving a plan for Houseparty.

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And here's to little Helen Howe,
A supermonologic wow,
The bark of Boston's better bough
Who knows her terrapin from chow.
She knits a histrionic brow
To personate the U. S. frau.
She lifts the sages from their slough
And rolls a buskined sock—and Howe.

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Professor Fancher will give a rendition of that fine old English anthem, "They all form their little coteries, but a pool ball has its cliques."

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How's the Jones' bill affecting Utica, these days?

FINALISTS TIED IN ICE TOURNEY

Two overtime periods failed to break a scoreless tie when teams representing Sigma Phi and Theta Delta Chi met in the finals of the Interfraternity Hockey tournament Monday night. It is expected the playoffs will be held soon.

Both teams reached the finals as a result of victories in the afternoon. Sigma Phi blanked Delta Upsilon, 1-0, and Theta Delta Chi came from behind in the third period and scored agaian in the first overtime to win from Emerson Literary Society, 2-1.

The schedule of games opened on Friday afternoona, March 8th, with Chi Psi lined up against Psi Upsilon, and Delta Kappa Epsilon against Lambda Xi Sigma. Before the first period was over, Psi Upsilon had slipped one in for the only tally of the game. Stellar guarding by both goalies prevented further scoring. In the second aafternoon game, between the Dekes and Lambda Xi's, three regular periods and two overtimes were played without a score by either team. The game was resumed on Saturday afternoon when Lambda Xi carried off the honors to the tune of 2-1.

On Friday evening Delta Upsilon defeated the Secogon, 2-1. Webster was responsible for both counters chalked up by D. U. In the second encounter of the evening, Sigma Phi eliminated Lambda Chi Alpha, 3-0.

Advancing to the second round on Saturdaay, the Sigs met little difficulty in disposing of Chi Bet Sigma, 6-0.

On Monday afternoon, Emerson Literary Society played its first game with Psi Upsilon, now advanced to the second round. Six overtime periods were played before Schneider, the mainstay of E. L. S., finally counted for his second tally, winning the game, 2-1.

Theta Delta Chi and Lambda Xi Sigma also played on Monday afternoon and no scoring resulted until the final period, when Birch won the game on a shot from a scrimmage in front of the cage for the former.

At night, Alpha Delta Phi, drawing a bye in the first round, played its first game with Delta Upsilon. Two overtime periods were necessary for Delta Upsilon to slip in its second counter and win, 2-1, on soft ice.

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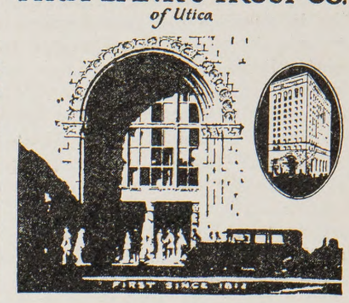

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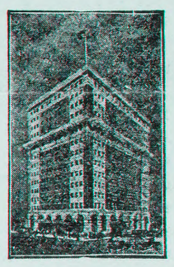

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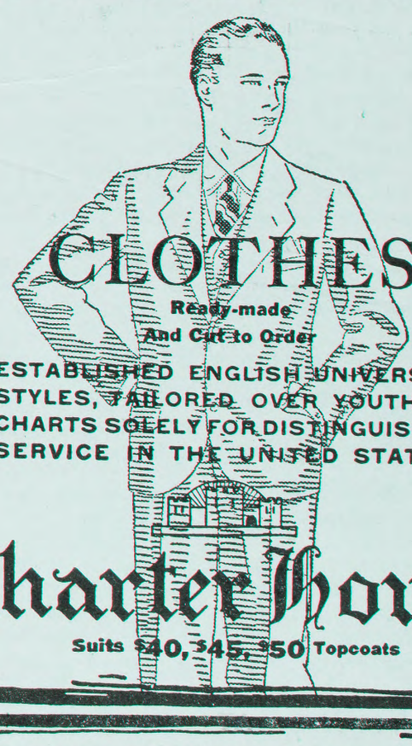

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HAMILTONIANS OF OLD SCHOOL HAVE MADE ENVIABLE RECORDS

More Than a Score of Alumni Leaving College Before 1890 Listed in "International Encyclopedia" —Josh Billings Included

(By Jefferson F. Meagher, '30)

Figures recently published relative to Hamilton alumni listed in **Who's Who in America** are now supplemented by research concerning Hamilton men who have won places in the **International Encyclopedia.** Hamilton's mention in this work is also frequent. Although numbering less than seven thousand, Hamilton alumni provide a new name for the encyclopedia on the average of every three and one-half years.

Hamilton men listed in **Who's Who** are still active in their various professions. Those alumni appearing in the **International Encyclopedia,** on the other hand, are largely men who achieved greatness during the college's earlier days. Of those who left the Hill before 1890, at least 28 have been honored with biographies in this standard reference of the world's activities. Nine of the individuals have been similarly paragraphed by the **Encyclopedia Brittanica.**

MANY PROFESSIONS REPRESENTED

Of this select body which represents varied fields of endeavor, the lawyers make up the largest single unit. In the group are clergymen, educators, philanthropists, financiers, authors, humorists, jurists and scholars, all outstanding in their respective pursuits. Perhaps the most distinguished alumni are Elihu Root, '64; Gerrit Smith, '18; Theodore W. Dwight, '40; Joseph R. Hawley, '47; Charles Dudley Warner, '51; William H. Miller, '61; John Cochran, '31; Henry W. Shaw, '37, aand John J. Knox, '49.

Two of the men have seen service in the Cabinet, William Henry Harrison Miller, '61, serving as Attorney General under President Harrison, and Elihu Root, '64, holding the high office of Secretaray of War under President McKinley and Secretary of State under President Roosevelt. Joseph R. Hawley, '47, was nominated for the Presidency by the Republicans in 1852, anad John Cochran, '31, for the Vice-Presidency on the ticket wi John C. Fremont.

Columbia Law School was founded by Theodore W. Dwight, '40, who later established a law school here at Hamilton. In the literary world are names of moment, with Charles Dudley Warner, '51, and Henry W. Shaw, '37, better known as "Josh Billings," heading the list.

Abolitionist on Hill

One of the most interesting charaacterss in the group is Gerrit Smith, '18, a philanthropist. His father having associated with John J. Astor in the fur trade, he inherited a fortune and became one of the biggest land owners in the country . He was a vigorous anti-slavery agitator and lifelong friend of John Brown, supporting him in many of his raids. It was Mr. Smith, in company with Horace Greeley, who went Jefferson Davis's bond when the Civil War was over.

James Roswell Hawley, '47, seems to have led a very active life. A Free Soiler, he was nominated for the presidency in 1852. He organized the Republican party in Connecticut, serving this state as Congressman, Senator and Governor. As editor of the **Hartford Courant and Press,** which he owned, he made it one of the foremost papers in the country and associated with him as co-editors Charles Dudley Warner, '51, and Danaiel Fiske, '51.

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Charles Dudley Warner, '51, became noted in the world of letters while editing the **Hartford Courant.** He took over W. D. Howells' department in Harper's Magazine, lectured much, and traveled extensively as a newspaper correspondent in Europe, the East, Mexico, and the United States. Twenty-one of his works are listed in the encyclopaedia, testifying to the prominence he attained in the literary world. He was the first president of the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

Another Hamiltonian in the literary profession was Henry W. Shaw, nongraduate, '37, more popularly known as "Josh Billings." A humorist of the Artemus Ward school, he delighted the country with his wit, wrote much for the papers, was in great demand as a lecturer achieved great success with his nonsense.

Theodore W. Dwight Famous

Theodore W. Dwight, '40, founder of Columbia and Hamilton law schools, was a celebrataed jurist and educator. His brother, Sereno Edwards Dwight, was president of Hamilton from 1833 to 1835. Mr. Dwight served successfully as professor of law at Columbia, Cornell, Hamilton and Amherst. A member of the State Court of Appeals, he was prominent in political and social reform, and drew up the bill for the establishment of the Elmira Reformatory.

Among the lawyers is John Norton Pemorey, '47, attorney and author, who held the position of dean of the New York University Law School for many years. Francis M. Burdick, '69, another lawyer, served as mayor of Utica, and acted as professor of law and history at Hamilton, Cornell and Columbia. John Cochran, '31, practised at the bar, was a member of Congress, brigadier general in the Civil War, and nominee for vice-president on the ticket with Fremont.

John Jay Knox, '49, was recognized as a leading financier and banker, and served as Comptroller of the United States Treasury. Perhaps the greatest scholar among those men found listed in the encyclopaedia was Herman Carl George Brandt, '72. Mr. Brandt was an acknowledged authority upon the German language, teaching both at Johns Hopkins and Hamilton. He was the author of several dictionaries in addition to many language works.

Scollard Only Poet

Benjamin W. Dwight, '35, was an educator and author, while Harrison G. O. Dwight, '25, was a missionary who spent much of his life in Armenia. Willis J. Beecher, '58, also was an educator and author as was Clinton Scollard, '81, who appears to be the only Hamilton poet among those whom the editors of the encyclopedia have mentioned.

After working extensively in Palestine as an archaeologist, John A. Paine, '59, became curator of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Isaac H. Hall, '59, also served as curator of the Metropolitan Museum, being distinguished for his studies in epigraphy. William C. Winslow, '62, was another archaeologist of note, while Edward Orton, '48, president of Antioch College, was a geologist of renown.

A goodly proportion of the group are members of the clergy. Headed by Melancthon W. Stryker, '72, former president of Hamilton, the wearers of the cloth are Arthur T. Pierson, '57, Albert Barnes, '20, Anson J. Upson, '43, Herrick Johnson, '57, and Daniel D. Wheedon, '28.

(Editor's Note—Three lists of famous Hamiltonians have been published at representative periods in the history of the college. From these lists which totalled more than 200, the above 28 names were found in the International Encyclopedia.)

Smith Had Stormy Undergraduate Career

Gerrit Smith, noted abolitionist, and one of Hamilton's more famous alumni, had a very stormy college career. **The New England Magazine** for June, 1899, in a twenty-page article on Hamilton, entitled **New England's First College Out of New England,** published the following anecdote:

"Smith particularly loved a game of cards, and was sure to indulge in gaming whenever he had an opportunity. (President) Backus, suspecting that something of this sort was going on in the janitor's room, marched in with his boots in hand, for the janitor to polish them. "Very well," said the sable gentleman, "set them down, Doctor, and I will tend to them." Marching to the bed, Backus gave the huge cowskins a fling underneath. As he had anticipated, they severely hit the concealed Smith, who expressed his astonishment and pain with a groan. Peering under, Backus cried out: "What are you doing here, Mr. Smith?" Gerrit turned to him: "My dear president, I am meditating on the mutability of empires."

As is recorded in the same article, Smith, many years later offered to rent the college on a six-year lease, an offer which both the trustees and faculty opposed.

Essay Written by Prof. Shepard Now in Library

A most scholarly essay entitled "Un Debat Inedit du Quatorzieme Siecle" has recently been contributed by Professor Shepard to a volume "MELANGES DE LINGUISTIQUE ET DE LITTERATURE" which has been dedicated to M. Alfred Jeanroy, one of the greatest of living French scholars, by his students and friends. M. Jeanroy, who is a professor at the University of Paris, visited Professor Shepard some years ago, at which time a tea was given by his host in honor of the eminent French scholar.

The essay by Professor Shepard is one of many that have been contributed by students and friends of the distinguished Frenchman to comprise an entire volume dedicated to him. The text of Professor Shepard's chapter deals with a 14th century debate by the Church of France and the Church of Rome on the residence of the Pope. It is, as Professor Shepard states in his opening paragraph, no new or unknown subject, but "it has never yet been either edited or even fully analyzed."

The essay is, obviously, the fruit of much laborious study and reading. To anyone who reads French it should prove most interesting, and, as a tribute to a friend who is noted for his scholarly attainments, Professor Shepard's choice in a subject seems admirably happy. The book is now in the **library.**

GRAVES OFFERS UNUSUAL COURSE

European Society and Culture From 1600 Subject of New History 5-6

That decided innovations will be found next year in History 5-6, a social and cultural study of Europe from 1600, is gathered from recent announcement by Edgar B. Graves, associate professor in the department.

The course will be offered for the first time in 1929-30 and will closely approximate graduate work in character. Politics and the development of nationality and institutions will be represented ,but in the main its scope will be social and intellectual.

In addition to lectures and a brief text-book Mr. Graves plans an immense amount of supplementary reading for members of the class. Extensive theses will be required and prepared papers for class discussion.

Bridging the gap between History 11-12, the society and culture of the Middle Ages, Renaissance and Reformation, and the present, the new course will also serve as an orientation for students with interest in music, art, literature or political science. It will be open to seniors and juniors who have completed at least one year of history.

After months of study at Oxford and other research in Europe Mr. Graves is well prepared to introduce such a course. Academic journals as widely scattered at the **Historische Zeitschrift** and the **Revue Historique** commended a recent article of his which held first place in last January's **English Historical Review.**

New College Lights To Be Ready After Easter

Installation of the proposed 16 campus lights of 250 candlepower each was begun Monday morning when a group of Utica Gas & Electric Company employees implanted the first lamp post. The posts are to be laid at a distance of about 250 feet apart, following the concrete roadway around the campus. One light will be stationed between South College and Chapel, and will serve to illuminate this particularly dark area.

The construction of the new cement roads, with their seven-inch curbs, made the footing of pedestrians unsafe. Also, due to darkness, it has been difficult for motorists to perceive pedestrians on such a road. For such reasons it was deemed advisable to have new lights installed.

The lamp posts were especially designed for the campus by C. Ray Newkirk, Utica architect. Each post is ten feet in heighth up to the light. The campus will be lighted throughout the entire year and not only during college sessions. The entire cost is estimated at $7,500.

Preliminary work of laying the cable was completed last fall while the concrete base work was terminated about a week ago. It is expected that the work of installation will be completed about the first part of April so that the lights will be ready for use upon the resumption of classes after the Easter holidays.

Take Bible Just As It Is Says Princeton Dean

"Most of the troubles in religion today come from trying to hold to a form of religion which intelligent men outgrew years ago," declared Robert R. Wicks, D. D., of Princeton University, chapel preacher on the Hill last Sunday.

"Take the Bible just as it is; don't try to make it something that it doesn't pretend to be. This is the source of all misunderstanding in Christian religion today."

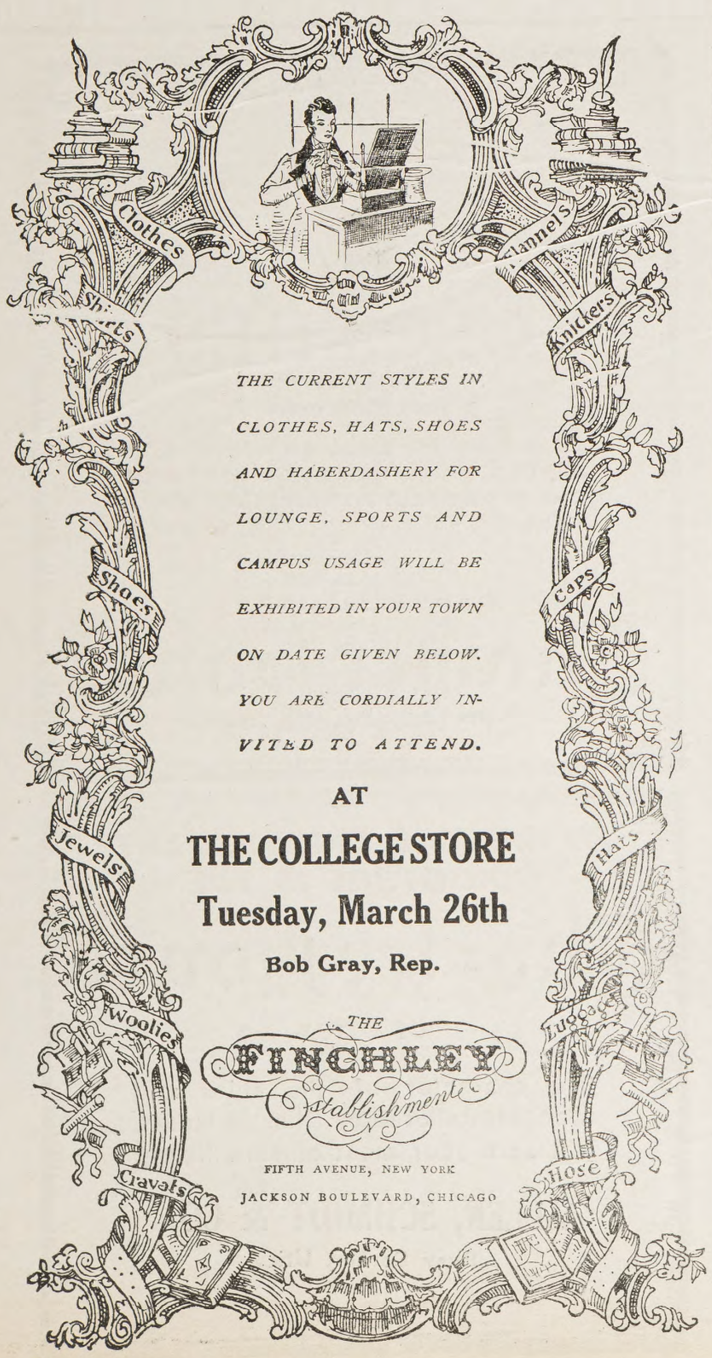
Dr. Wicks stated the Bible is a record of the development of the conceptions and character of religions from the crudest form in the beginning of time up to the highest form as revealed in Christ.

"Take everything in the Old Testament as some stage of this development. Every story is a sample of the primitive beliefs and imagination."

As for the New Testament, he said, it is the record of the impression that Christ made on the people of his time. One can see, in telligently reading the New Testament, the color of Jewish life and the beliefs of the Jewish people, and behind that, the contemporary views and impressions of Christ.

"You have got to use your mind to read the Bible. You can't take everything you read the way people did three hundred years ago. It is a crime to hold to the ancient and useless traditions. We must get down to the kind of religion that man really lives by."

Dr. Wicks refuted the argument that science will take the place of religion by showing that science has come up against an absurdity in its attempt to explain life. Man, science says, is virtually reduced to specks of matter so minute as to be scarcely visible under the microscope.



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